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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of  
KHESIN et al. : Group Art Unit: 1743  
Serial No. 09/924,131 : Examiner: GAHK  
Filed: August 6, 2001 : Response to Paper No.

For COMBUSTION DIAGNOSTICS METHOD AND SYSTEM

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION**

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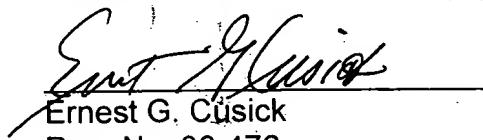
In response to the restriction requirement dated October 17, 2003, the period for response being extended by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, Applicants hereby elect the Group II, claims 15-24, 28, 29, 31-34, 40, and 41, with traverse.

The restriction requirement is respectfully traversed, since Applicants respectfully submit that search and examination of the entire application is appropriate. As stated in MPEP §803, "If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine on the merits even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." (Emphasis added.) Applicants respectfully submit this procedure should be followed in the instant application, to avoid duplicative examination by the Patent Office and additional expense to Applicants.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request early and favorable action on the merits.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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